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I ordered three silver cigarette boxes this morning at a shop in the hotel. I am inquiring whether I can have the Mexican eagle (with a serpent in its mouth) engraved upon them.

The full session for the submission of the annual report of the International Monetary Fund commenced at ten this morning, and lasted until 1:30. During the discussion of the report, the Governors from the United Kingdom, U.S.A., India, Germany, Philippines, Japan, and Mexico, delivered discourses, and there are more to come this afternoon.

At three I sat with John and the Finance Minister of Japan, with whom we exchanged views.

The IMF meeting reconvened at five, and there were more speeches.

Huge dinner and good music and floor show tonight as guests of Messrs. Black and Rooth in the Versalles Room of the Prado Hotel.

To bed at midnight--have not been out of the hotel today.

Apparently it takes some time to become acclimated here. Most of our people complain of rapid pulse, shortness of breath, and indigestion!

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